

February 19, 2008

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center on February 19, 2008 by Chairman Craft at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Breaker, Callen, Griffith, Thomas, and
Chairman Craft

Absent: Commissioners Cardella, Clutter

Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Commissioner Breaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Griffith provided the following inspirations:

"Don't just count your years, make your years count".

Ernest Meyers

"Be like a tiny postage stamp. Stick to it until you get there".

Bob Proctor

4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Callen, Commissioner Thomas seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of February 19, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Griffith moved, Commissioner Thomas seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of January 8, 2009, as amended to reflect a change under Roll Call indicating Commissioner Griffith arrived at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Kay Ujimori, Torrance Library

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING BABY BOOMER SURVEY

Kay Ujimori, of the Torrance Library reviewed information relative to the Baby Boomer Survey as it relates to the Transforming Life after 50 grant process.

8. SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council

Commissioner Griffith reported on recent actions by the City Council pertaining to the appointment of John Jones as the Community Services Director, the approval of an agreement with Coca-Cola to provide services, an announcement that the 5th paramedic unit is now operating, and the appointment of an Ad Hoc City Council Committee to develop a plan to implement the final report of the Ethics Committee.

Commissioner Griffith reported that Gavin Wasserman, a candidate running for City Council, spoke on the shortage of court appointed conservators. She explained that two days of training is required and if the City can get ten interested volunteers, the training can be held in Torrance.

Commissioner Griffith also spoke on her recent attendance at a Disaster Preparedness Meeting and her inquiry on the City mandating a power outage plan for multi-level buildings that house seniors and the disabled. The Commission discussed this issue and agreed that Commissioner Griffith will bring forth this issue to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Griffith also asked that staff distribute copies of the LA County's publication on Emergency Preparedness for Seniors and the Disabled to the City's senior facilities.

B. Housing

None.

C. Health

Commissioner Griffith shared that the reporting of hospital infection cases will now be mandated by the State.

D. Transportation

None.

E. Cable

Commissioner Callen reported that encore presentations of the life story of Russ Nolte, Mount Rushmore and the round table discussions with four POW's are currently being broadcast.

F. Focal Point Program

None.

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

None.

9. ORALS

Commissioner Callen stated that due to a scheduling conflict, he will no longer be able to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Callen stated that he will contact Commissioner Cardella to see if she would be willing to serve.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand announced that a current Commission on Aging Roster list has been distributed. She also distributed a flyer for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments "Bracing for the Boom" event on Friday, February 22nd, and a copy of a thank you letter received from a volunteer at the Bartlett Center.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. to Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Center, Hosler Conference Room.

Approved as Submitted March 11, 2008 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
